

Washington, D.C. - Congresswoman Hilda L. Solis (D-CA), a member of the House Energy and Committee and Chair of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus' Task Force on Health and the Environment, will hold a press conference urging Congress to include Community Health Workers as part of the reauthorization of the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP). Solis will be joined by other House members and leading health advocacy organizations.

Community health workers help individuals who encounter cultural and linguistic barriers to health care and play an important role in ensuring uninsured children receive health care. Families who interact with community health workers are eight times more likely to obtain health insurance for their children. Advocates will urge that any SCHIP bill seriously considered by Congress include \$24 million over five years for community health workers' outreach and enrollment activities.

WHAT: Rep. Solis, Health Advocates Call on Congress to Include

Community Health Workers bill in SCHIP Reauthorization

WHEN: Thursday, May 17th at 10 A.M.

WHERE: Cannon Terrace

(Corner of Independence and New Jersey)

WHO: Congresswoman Hilda L. Solis (D-CA)

Congressman Ciro D. Rodriguez (D-TX)

Jackie Payne, Planned Parenthood

Lillian Meza, Promotora, from La Clinica del Pueblo